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SUBJECT: CSCE POLICY: INFORMATION--STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS
ON RADIO BROADCASTING

REFS: A) GENEVA 912; B) GENEVA 566

1. WE ARE CONCERNED OVER EROSION OF ALLIED NEGOTIATING
POSITION ON RADIO JAMMING ISSUE REPORTED REFTELS. AS NOTED
STATE 236951, WE HAD HOPED ALLIES WOULD TAKE THE LEAD AND
REMAIN FIRM IN INSISTING ON EVENTUAL SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF A
TEXT, EFFECT OF WHICH WOULD BE CONTINUATION OF CESSATION OF
JAMMING AGAINST OFFICIAL WESTERN BROADCASTS AND AT LEAST
HOLDING OUT HOPE THAT SOVIETS AND THEIR ALLIES MIGHT ALSO
EVENTUALLY STOP JAMMING RADIO FREE EUROPE AND RADIO LIBERTY.

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2. SINCE MOST ALLIES HAVE STEADILY BACKED AWAY FROM CONFRONTATION WITH SOVIETS ON THIS ISSUE, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE US DEL SHOULD UNDERTAKE INITIATIVE TO ATTEMPT TO RETRIEVE A SATISFACTORY FORMULATION ON CESSATION OF RADIO JAMMING.

3. ACCORDINGLY, AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY YOU SHOULD EXPRESS OUR CONCERN IN NATO CAUCUS OVER DRIFT OF WESTERN DELEGATIONS ON THIS ISSUE AND EMPHASIZE WE STILL BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT TO WORK TOWARD A COMPROMISE TEXT. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE BELIEVE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO RETURN TO SOVIET FORMULATION

CIRCULATED LAST OCTUBER (GENEVA 6344), ACCEPT ITS FIRST SENTENCE, AND, IN ORDER TO MEET WESTERN CONCERNS OVER CONTROL OF BROADCAST CONTENT, SUGGEST MODIFICATION OF ITS SECOND SENTENCE, SO THAT REVISED TEXT WOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: "THE PARTICIPATING STATES NOTE THE BROADENING OF THE DISSEMINATION OF RADIO INFORMATION AND EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT THE SITUATION EXISTING IN THIS FIELD MAY CONTINUE. IN DOING SO, THEY ALSO EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT RADIO AND TELEVISION BROADCASTS TO THE OTHER PARTICIPATING STATES WILL CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE TO DETENTE AND TO THE STRENGTHENING OF MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING AMONG PEOPLES."

4. BEFORE APPROACHING SOVIETS OR EASTERN EUROPEANS WITH REVISED TEXT, YOU SHOULD REPORT ALLIED REACTIONS TO OUR INITIATIVE AND REQUEST FURTHER GUIDANCE. INGERSOLL

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